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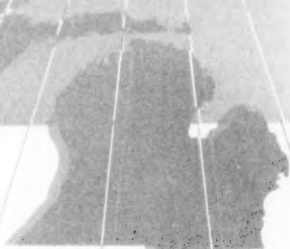
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From the President

This is the last message I shall be allowed to include in these pages. I must take advantage of it to express my gratitude and appreciation to the members of the Executive Board, to our Executive Secretary, to the members of the Committees, the officers of the Sections, and to the District officers for their cooperation and hard work in programming our discussion of the State Plan for Public Libraries. Achievement of such a plan will not be easy and in an Association as large and diversified as ours we could do little more in one year than insure its consideration by as many of our members as possible. But we have been able, however, to unify many of our diverse activities: district meetings, committee activity, annual conference in correlated purposeful activity and to try to stimulate the interest of our present and potential members, both librarian and trustee, in the Association's program.

An effort was made this year, also, both inspired and carried out by our able Executive Secretary, to inquire into the views of the members regarding our organizational weaknesses and strengths and to determine through the use of thoughtfully prepared questionnaires to both librarians and trustees how we may surmount our shortcomings and make the Association a stronger force in Michigan librarianship. The results, not yet tabulated at this writing, will provide an agenda for our Planning Committee for some time to come.

The reports of the Sections and Committees are published elsewhere in this

issue. From them you may infer how much hard work and dedication is demanded of, and gladly given by, our able membership each year. We owe especial thanks to the Legislative Committee and its dynamic chairman Joe Kimbrough. We have reason to be thankful that Mr. Kimbrough is continuing in this post. His experience in the past twelve months have led to his formulating a realistic step-by-step program for winning support for library legislation in the future.

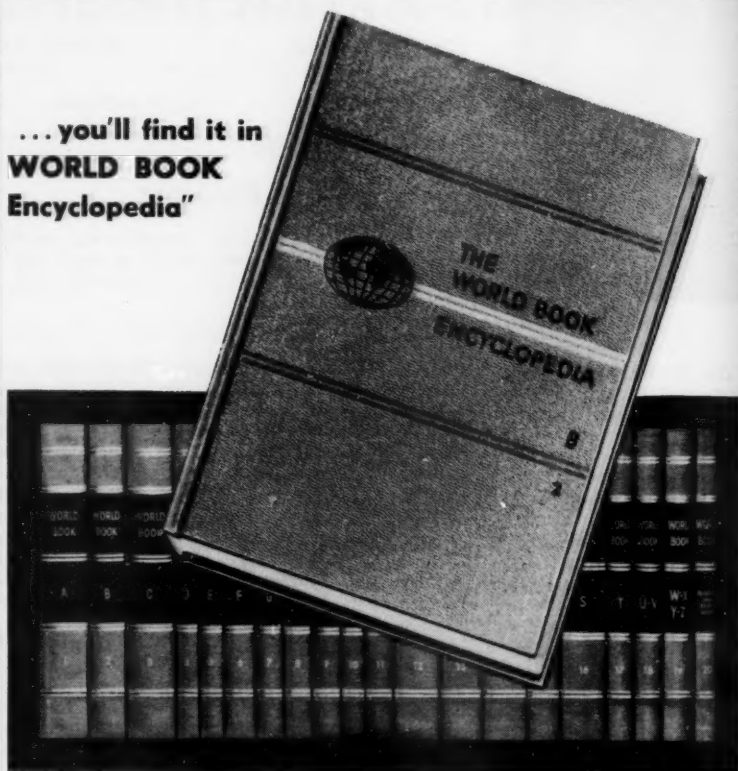
The program for our Conference in Lansing is complete and I hope inviting. The distinguished speakers at the various sessions include a college president, the editor of the *Library Journal*, the Dean of a Library School, the Chairman of a university journalism department, a professor of art history, our State Budget Director, a newspaper editor, an official of the U. S. Office of Education, the New York State Librarian, and an author and museum curator. The always popular Circles of Information program will be repeated. There should be enough variety in the program to interest the entire membership. The new Civic Center in Lansing promises to offer almost ideal accommodations for our meetings.

This past year has been a stimulating and gratifying experience for me and I am certain that, if this year has been one of exploration and planning, the next will be a year of accomplishment under the leadership of Bob Armstrong.

Frederick H. Wagman

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Committees

COMMITTEE FOR THE STUDY OF LIBRARY LAWS

The Committee for the Study of Library Laws has put off consideration of the legal problems involved in the present State Plan for libraries until reports are available from the various district meetings, the State Library workshops, and other meetings throughout the State. However, the Committee will consider the problem before the annual meeting in October.

Meanwhile, many other matters have concerned the Committee. Until January, 1960, Miss Liese Von Oettingen of Grand Haven was Chairman of the Committee. Under her leadership, several subcommittees were formed to consider such varied subjects as changes in the State Aid law and the problems involved in Penal Fines for public libraries. The Sub-Committee which was assigned to the study of Penal Fines met during the year to discuss what arrangements concerning this source of library support would be made in the event of a Constitutional Convention. Two suggestions were made. One that, if the fines were kept for libraries, the wording of the law be strengthened to clarify the disposition of the fines (i. e. making them a part of public library support entirely.) The other suggestion was that means be found for library support in the event that the fines are not allocated to libraries in a new constitution. This sub-committee will interview various persons throughout the state for such suggestions.

Miss Von Oettingen also, acting as chairman, reviewed a number of proposed library laws, giving her suggestions concerning them to the library asking for this help.

A further report of this Committee's activities will be made to the Michigan Library Association in the near future.

Mary Daume, *Chairman*

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

Up to the time of the writing of this report, no cases of attacks on Michigan libraries had been reported to the Committee, so that in this aspect of its work it has remained a stand-by "volunteer fire department." A sub-committee has been at work, however, laying the foundation for a procedure to be followed by a library in the event that such an attack should be launched against it. This sub-committee consists of the following members: Terese Flaherty, Renwick Garypie, Douglas Swartout, and Samuel E. Molod, Chairman. The sub-committee has worked diligently this year and its work will be discussed by the full committee at its meeting at the 1960 conference. It is hoped that its final report of a full procedure can be used as a basis for a general session at the 1961 conference, and the present committee recommends to its successor that such a program be planned.

W. J. Bonk, *Chairman*

LEGISLATIVE

LEGISLATION:

1. *Regional Library Law Amendment (H.B. 270).* This bill would have amended certain sections of the Regional Library Law of 1931 and 1956 to permit counties supporting regional libraries to tax themselves above the 15 mill limitation for the operation and maintenance of these libraries. The bill passed the House on March 16 and was referred to the Senate State Affairs Committee, where it died. There is a possibility that it will be re-introduced next year.

2. *Appropriations.* Again, no increase in state aid or the appropriation for the State Board for Libraries. The only happy occasion in this year's Session occurred when the Legislature added \$14,000 to the much-slashed State Library

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budget for use by the Upper Peninsula Branch. The Branch, which had been housed for the past four years, rent-free, in an unused school building in Escanaba, was asked to vacate the quarters. New space was found, but it entailed a rental and maintenance charge of some \$14,000. Much of the credit for retaining the U.P. Branch in Escanaba goes to the hard-working Upper Peninsula Library Trustee Advisory Committee headed by Charles Follo, to the many librarians and trustees of the U.P. who responded with a flood of letters and telegrams to their Legislators, and to the Legislators themselves, particularly Mezzano and Erlandsen.

3. *Library Services Act Extension.* A bill to extend Federal aid to rural libraries was passed by the U.S. Senate on May 26. On June 2, the Legislation received a serious set-back in the House Rules Committee when it was denied a "rule", or a chance to be considered on the Floor of the House. After much work on the part of ALA, other interested organizations (including MLA), and private citizens, Speaker Rayburn had agreed to call the bill up under suspension of the Rules. The Library Services Act passed before the 86th Congress adjourned.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION AND WORK:

1. The Committee had a workshop in early December which was well attended. Many of the members, including the Chairman, were new to the Committee this year. We are grateful to Mrs. Fannie Noonan of the State Library for arranging the workshop, and to Mrs. Mary Mitchell of the Detroit Public Library, a former Legislative Committee Chairman, for attending the workshop as a resource person.

2. Much of the Lansing work was done by the Chairman, but he was assisted from time to time by Mrs. Ronald Hinterman, Mrs. Madge Doty, Miss Alberta Massingill, Mrs. Jack Vrable, and Mr. Avram Rosenthal. President Wagman was called upon once to lend support at a hearing with the Senate Appropriations Committee. All the members did an outstanding job of passing information along when called upon. Our thanks go also to the many libraries which acted as Communications Centers for the Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Have equal representation from each MLA district on the Legislative Committee. Suggestions: 1 Librarian (employed or retired) and 1 Trustee from each District, with the exception of District VII. In time, after all the Districts are as well organized (see 2, 3) have only 1 member from each District. A smaller Committee is easier to work with, and is more effective.

2. Concentrate more effort, time, and money in the Districts *before*, rather than in Lansing *during* the Legislative Session.

3. Build up legislative strength District by District. VII is the strongest, III the next strongest; so concentrate at first on one of the other Districts—get it organized, and then concentrate on another. It may take a year or more to get a single District up to the level of effectiveness desired.

4. Make strongest "pitch" as an organization at Committee hearings. I found that very little—if anything—is accomplished by buttonholing individual members (who were not already informed from back home) in the lobby. Of course, watching must be done as it becomes necessary—to keep abreast of changing situations.

5. It is a difficult thing to do, but I believe that calls for telegrams, etc., should be kept to an absolute minimum. If this type of contact with Legislators is going to be maintained I feel we are weakening a potentially strong weapon—by over-exposure. If the Districts are organized the way they should be, Legislators won't need telegrams to know how the people back home feel; they will know this before they go to Lansing.

6. Since MLA is most particularly concerned with state aid and penal fines, it would seem that we should concentrate our efforts on these two items. Though it is very difficult to arrange—perhaps impossible—it would be better if MLA and the State Library could have separate hearings. There is much confusion in the Legislators' minds about this.

7. Invite all the Legislators to all MLA Conferences!

Joe Kimbrough, *Chairman*

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MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee met in Ann Arbor on December 17 to make plans for the year. We were aided this year with a revised printing of the membership brochure and the adoption of membership cards.

The Committee was emphatic in recommending that all letters sent out be individually typed. It was believed that the receipt of a personal letter of this type makes a greater impression on the recipient. The decision was made to send letters to all delinquents, non-members attending M.L.A. meetings, and to head librarians. As of this writing the work of the committee is not completed—if it ever is.

The work of the committee has been greatly facilitated by the wonderful cooperation of the Executive Secretary. The testimonials that have appeared on the back cover of the Michigan Librarian have been most helpful, as well as the inspiring articles in the various issues.

All of the District Meetings and many of the Sectional Meetings have been covered by members of the committee, and many new memberships have been received.

As of Sept. 1 the memberships stand at 1,752. There are 1,169 personal, 427 trustee, 139 institutional, and 17 honorary memberships. It appears that we may go to the 1800 mark by the time of the Annual Meeting. The committee can only do so much, but it is the enthusiasm of each and every member of the Association that will enable us to substantially increase our membership.

Homer Chance, *Chairman*

MLA EXHIBITS

(No annual report submitted)

NEWCOMERS

The 1960 Michigan Library Association Newcomers Day was held at the Kellogg Center of Michigan State University on April 19. The program was designed to acquaint new staff members in Michigan libraries with the activities of the Michigan Library Association, the State Library and the State Board for Libraries.

In the morning session, the work and plans of the State Board for Libraries and the State Library were discussed. Mrs. Dorothy Hagerman spoke delightfully at the luncheon about her experiences in Michigan library organizations. Greetings from the President of MLA opened the afternoon session, which continued with reports on the activities of three MLA committees and one section and a summary by the Executive Secretary.

The committee felt that the eighty-three participants ended the day with new friends and a better understanding of the Michigan library scene.

(Mrs.) Roberta C. Keniston, *Chairman*

PLANNING

The Planning Committee met in East Lansing on November 20, 1959 with most members present.

The Committee recommended to the Executive Council that the new state plan be used as the subject of all district meetings to be held in the spring of 1960 and that members of the Advisory Council to the State Study be asked to assist in the presenting of the plan. The State Library and MLA were asked to prepare brochures, maps and charts to be used at the district meetings in presenting the state plan, and that there be follow-up meetings of Librarians, Trustees, and Friends of the Library within the proposed areas to stimulate interest and spread knowledge in the new plan.

A hastily prepared questionnaire was sent to members of the Planning Committee in October in order to give as many as possible an opportunity to express ideas concerning the district meetings. There were more replies than members, as friends of members showed their interest and sent in answers also. Based upon ideas received in the replies a number of suggestions were sent to the Council to be considered in setting up the District Meetings in the spring.

The idea of giving the membership an opportunity to express their ideas resulted in two questionnaires being sponsored by MLA and the Planning Com-

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mittee during the year: one to Trustees and one to the general membership. Response to these questionnaires has been splendid and many valuable suggestions have come from the membership. It is recommended that the 1961 Planning Committee make use of the many good ideas contained in the answers to these questionnaires.

A sub-committee under the chairmanship of Mark Crum, Director of the Kalamazoo Public Library was appointed to make a study of the purposes and functions of committees of MLA. This committee was unable to complete its work. It is suggested that the new Planning Committee continue the work of this sub-committee.

Madalyn M. Bradford, *Chairman*

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The members of the Public Relations Committee have been, and still are, as this report is written, at work on an annotated Finding List of books, periodical articles, pamphlets, and films, selective, and chiefly since 1956, which contains the most widely useful publicity ideas for libraries.

It is planned to have this list produced in quantity, and an announcement as to how it will be made available to MLA members will be published in the *Michigan Librarian* at the time of its completion.

James C. Dance, *Chairman*

PUBLICATIONS

The Publications Committee was asked to consider two items of business and make recommendations during the past year. Both projects were done by mail.

First, the Committee was asked to investigate annual subscription rates for library association bulletins and recommend new rates for the *Michigan Librarian*. Early in February the Committee made the following recommendations to the M.L.A. Board.

The Committee recommended that the Board raise the annual subscription rate of the *Michigan Librarian* to non-members in the following manner:

- (a) Present rate (\$1.00) raised to (\$2.00) in United States and Canada. An additional (\$.50) to be added to the (\$2.00) rate in all other countries, to defray shipping expenses.
- (b) Single copy rate raised from (\$.25) to (\$.50).
- (c) These rates to be effective possibly in October, 1960, or with next new volume.

The Executive Board approved the recommendation regarding the subscription rates for the *Michigan Librarian* and set January, 1961, as the date for the rates to go into effect.

The second item of business taken up by the Publications Committee was the evaluation of a brochure done by the County Librarians Section. The Committee as a whole felt that the brochure gave an excellent presentation of facts and that there was nothing in it contrary to M.L.A. policy. General questions were raised as to its timeliness, whether or not it still fulfilled its original purpose, how it fit into the State Library Study Plan, etc. However, as M.L.A. was not providing the funds for publication and as there appeared to be nothing contrary to M.L.A. policy, the Publications Committee gave the brochure its blessing.

Virginia Summers, *Chairman*

RECRUITING

The Recruiting Committee met at Marygrove College Library on January 13, 1960. Miss Betty McKinley, coordinator for statewide recruiting activities, was also invited to attend and reported on her new responsibility for recruiting activities in the State Library. Recommendations from the previous Committee were discussed and acted upon.

The bibliography on "Library Recruitment Materials" has been revised, with emphasis on evaluation and selectivity. The revision will appear in the October *Michigan Librarian*, and the Executive Council has authorized reprints which will be available for distribution. The Committee is also keeping up to date its file of materials listed in the bibliography. This collection will be on display at the fall conference.

A list of speakers for career conferences has been drawn up specifying the conditions of time and area under which individuals have agreed to accept assignments. A "Suggested Guide for Vocational Speakers" has been revised and is available upon request to the Committee.

The Recruiting Loan Exhibit, which has been borrowed for a number of student library assistant workshops, has been enlarged and will from now on be housed at the State Library. The Committee has agreed to pay the outgoing shipping costs but the borrower will pay return expenses. The Committee also recommended that the State Library serve as a centralized communication source for people seeking information on material on librarianship.

The fall meeting will emphasize the necessity of person to person relationship in recruiting, and will suggest practical methods for carrying this out. It is the considered opinion of the Committee that the greatest need in recruiting is the coordination of all recruiting activities within the State.

Sister M. Claudia, I.H.M., *Chairman*

SALARY, STAFF AND TENURE

Efforts have been made this year to develop a questionnaire on Tenure. All work is being done by mail and at present the questionnaire will probably be ready for mailing to a selected group of libraries by the end of August. A report will be made to the Association after that date.

Several inquiries have been made of the Chairman by members of M.L.A. concerning questions of Salary, Staff or Tenure. Answers have been given to the best of her ability from the meager files of the committee.

The Chairman wishes to suggest that the committee next year make it a point to build up the file of information for the Chairman to have for reference.

Marjorie S. Federowski, *Chairman*

SCHOLARSHIP

During the year three scholarship loans of \$300 were made, in each case, to a Western Michigan University student. In addition, one scholarship loan of \$300 was extended for another year.

In last year's annual report, the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee observed that the need for workshop grants is diminishing. The pertinence of this observation is attested by the fact that again this year only one request for a workshop grant of \$45 was received. The grant was made, enabling the recipient to attend the July workshop held at St. Mary's Lake under State Library auspices.

With the much-appreciated cooperation of the District Chairmen, the following amounts were collected for the scholarship funds at the spring meetings:

District I	\$ 51.44
District II	60.26
District III	127.72
District IV	50.00
District V	55.75
District VI	24.61
District VII	43.76
Total	\$413.54

Warren S. Owens, *Chairman*

TRUSTEE CITATION

In view of worthy citizen volunteers in numerous communities in Michigan who have long devoted their efforts to public libraries by serving as trustees, your chairman sincerely regrets that no such names have been made available to her so that she might pass them on to next year's chairman.

If there was a backlog of names gathered heretofore, it was not made available to the present chairman, and unfortunately family circumstances made it impossible for her to be at the early conference in Flint when a plea might be made.

Since there are undoubtedly many deserving men and women trustees who have served with no thought of personal aggrandizement, but who are well worthy of being considered for citation, will all who read this please make such names available to next year's chairman?

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It has been a very real pleasure to serve, however inadequately, as your chairman since the pleasure simply of getting to know some of you better has been a very fine bonus within itself.

Ramona G. Yarmy, *Chairman*

ALA MEMBERSHIP

The ALA Membership Committee for Michigan has been especially grateful this past year for the cordial cooperation of the members of the Michigan Library Association Membership Committee. Shared duties at membership tables at the annual conference and all District Meetings have served to call attention to both Associations and to emphasize the obligation of personal membership in the professional organizations that work constantly to improve and extend service to library patrons as well as to improve the status of members.

Opportunities were given the ALA Committee members to comment about ALA membership at several section meetings during the year. Since the intensive drive for ALA members will be continued another year, the ALA Committee has organized to fit into the MLA District plan with one person responsible for the ALA membership promotion in the area.

Clover F. Flanders, *Chairman*

Sections

ADULT EDUCATION

With the White House Conference on Aging scheduled for 1961, it was only natural that the Section should continue to concentrate its attention on "Michigan's Public Library Services for an Aging Population," the topic of the general session which the Section arranged for the Flint MLA Conference.

The assistance of the Section was offered to the Executive Secretary of the Michigan Commission on Aging and lists of the Section's members broken down into the regions set up by the Commission were provided the regional chairmen so that they might invite the Section's members to the regional conferences.

For the third consecutive year, the Section was invited by the Adult Education Association of Michigan to meet jointly with the Association and the Michigan Association of Public School Adult Educators. This year's joint conference was held at the Kellogg Center for Continuing Education, East Lansing, May 11 to 12. The Section's chairman served on the Conference Committee. It has been the practice for the Section to hold a breakfast meeting on the final day of the conference. This year we invited the Gerontology Committee of the Adult Education Association of Michigan to meet with us. A panel discussion on the topic "Conferences on Aging—Regional, State, White House" which followed the breakfast was planned by Muriel Fuller, Specialist in Adult Education of the Michigan State Library, and Dr. Woodrow Hunter of the Division of Gerontology of the University of Michigan, representing the Section and the Gerontology Committee respectively. Miss Fuller chaired the panel which included in addition to Dr. Hunter, Dr. E. N. Luce of the Dow Chemical Company; Miss Helen Gleason, Director of the University of Michigan Extension Service in Western Michigan; and Mr. Manfred Lilliefors of the Michigan Department of Social Welfare. At the request of the Section, the Detroit Public Library and the Michigan State Library prepared displays on adult education for the conference. In one of the resolutions adopted by the Adult Education Association of Michigan at the conclusion of its annual business meeting, recognition was given to the part the Section had played in the total conference program.

At the 1960 MLA conference, the Section takes pride in presenting Dr. Lester Asheim, Dean of the Graduate Library School at the University of Chicago at the Wednesday evening general session. Arrangements have been made to have Dr. Asheim available Thursday morning at the conference for conversations with any MLA members who would care to discuss with him professional problems facing them. Following the Section's business meeting Wednesday afternoon, two films on librarianship will be screened: "Beginnings," a Field Enterprises film in which Ralph Ulveling is interviewed about librarianship, and "Telling Stories to Children," a new University of Michigan production. The screening will be open (as will the business session) to the general membership.

The chairman replied to several inquiries about the Section's activities, including two which came from ALA committees, one the Adult Services Division's Committee on Relations with State and Local Organizations, the other the ASD Handbook for Adult Education Sections Committee.

In February, Donald Hendricks, who had been elected Vice-Chairman and Chairman-Elect of the Section at the Flint Conference, resigned when he accepted a position outside the State. This necessitates the Section electing a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and Chairman-Elect, and a Secretary-Treasurer at the Lansing Conference. Serving on the Nominating Committee for the 1960 election are Miss Dorothy Fell, Chairman, Miss Muriel Fuller, and Kenneth King.

The chairman wishes to especially acknowledge the assistance given to him by Miss Laura Briesemeister, the Section's Secretary-Treasurer, and by Miss Muriel Fuller of the Michigan State Library who is ever-ready with ideas for projects the Section might undertake and with help in the accomplishing of the projects.

Forrest Alter, *Chairman*

COLLEGE

The activities of the College Section fell along the pattern established in the past, and with fair degree of success.

The meeting jointly held with the Reference and Technical Services Sections took place on the Campus of Kalamazoo College on May 11, with about 165 persons participating. Mrs. Mary E. Kahler of the Library of Congress was the main speaker.

The "Round Table" discussion at the Annual Meeting was a success, thanks to the planning of the Chairman of the last year, Mr. Warren Owens.

The College Section's Committee on Acquisitions was continued, with Miss Hazel DeMeyer of Western Michigan University as Chairman again.

In addition the College Section established a Committee on Extension Services, with Miss Clover Flanders of University of Michigan as Chairman. Every institution offering extension courses plus several interested agencies are represented on the Committee, which held several meetings in the course of the year.

Mr. John May of Hope College was appointed as Chairman of a committee of one to investigate the possibility of offering assistance to small institutions whenever called upon.

The officers of this year are: W. C. Chen, chairman; Katherine Stokes, chairman-elect; H. Glenn Fitch, Secretary.

Wen Chao Chen, *Chairman*

COUNTY REGIONAL LIBRARIES

(No annual report submitted)

HOSPITAL

The Spring meeting of The Hospital Section, MLA, was held at the Wayne County Medical Society on April 8th.

Dr. Milton Weed, President of The Wayne County Medical Society, welcomed the group. Dr. Walter Stryker of The Wyandotte General Hospital gave a talk illustrated by slides of places of Medical interest that he visited in Russia. This was followed by a tour of the new building.

The Fall Meeting will be held Oct. 21st at The Annual Conference in Lansing. It will begin with a talk at 4:00 entitled "From The Inside Looking Out" by Dr. Frederic J. O'Hara, Associate Professor of Librarianship at Western Michigan University. This will be followed by a get-acquainted period over the coffee cups. In conclusion, we will have a short business meeting and exchange ideas. Members and guests are invited to bring bulletin board displays, publicity, book lists, material for recruitment, or any other workable ideas for both Medical and Patients' libraries.

Freda L. Howell, *Chairman*

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REFERENCE

The Reference Section again joined the Technical Services Section and the College Section in presenting a Spring meeting at Kalamazoo College on May 11, 1960. Mrs. Mary Ellis Kahler, Chief of Serial Records Division of the Library of Congress, was the luncheon speaker. Library tours were made to the Upjohn Co., Kalamazoo College, Western Michigan University libraries, and the Kalamazoo Public Library.

The Reference Section meeting pertained to Information Centers and Regional cooperation in terms of the State Plan for Public Libraries. Miss Mavis Nash discussed the steps being taken by the Macomb County Library in establishing an Information Center for county-wide library reference services. Library training courses, the pooling of books and periodical collections and the acquisition of a Thermo-Fax Reader and Copier have done much to further cooperation between libraries in the area and better increase the flow of books and information.

Mrs. Terese Flaherty spoke of regional cooperation now taking place in the five counties in the Grand Traverse area with the Traverse City Public Library being the focal point for this program.

Mrs. Frances Brewer, Head of the Rare Book Department of the Detroit Public Library, approached the Reference Section Committee with the idea of a Rare Book Clearing House project to be handled through the cooperation of the large reference and research collections in the state. This will be further discussed at the Annual Business Meeting in Lansing on Friday, October 21.

Francis X. Scannell, *Chairman*

SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S

The activities of the section have been carried on by three institutes and committees.

Adventures in World Understanding was the theme of the Spring Institute on April 1, 2, 1960, at which Reba Mirsky, author of *Twenty-One Brothers and Sisters*, spoke of her experience with the Zulu people and Charlemae Rollins, Chicago Public Library and 1958 President of the Children's services Division, A.L.A. discussed world understanding through community experiences. Panel discussions on library programs and outstanding books and a story telling session rounded out a very interesting program. The Kellogg Center at East Lansing provided its fine setting for the 168 Participants.

Bringing National Programs to the Local Level is the aim of the planners of the School Library Institute at the MEA Camp, St. Mary's Lake on September 16, 17. Mrs. Georgia Cole, Indiana State Supervisor of School Libraries will be the guest speaker. F. Ralph Frostic and James F. McClure, Consultants of the Michigan Department of Public Instruction, will handle the National Defense Education Act. Kenneth Vance, Consultant, Bureau of School Services, University of Michigan, will discuss local action on standards of North Central and American Association of School Librarians. Mrs. William Drew of East Lansing, Mrs. Winnifred Crossley and Linda McAra of Flint will give ideas on following up the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth. Book reviews by librarians and the Youth Council of the Kalamazoo Public Library and related exhibits also have been planned to make for rewarding experiences.

Your Library: Hub of the Wheel is the topic to be developed at the Central Michigan Teacher-Librarian Conference to be held at Atlanta on October 15. A panel of teachers will bring out ideas on resources and services which they hope to find. Ralph Frostic will discuss applications of the National Defense Education Act. Book talks and story-telling will be afternoon features.

The following committees have been active:

The *Joint Committee for School Library Development* was formed at the call of the State Board for Libraries to consider long range plans for school libraries and relate them to the general library program in the state. In addition to a Board representative and school librarians, a number of educational organizations and the Department of Public Instruction have membership on this committee. Irene Hayner, Department of Library Science, University of Michigan, Laura Long, Mid-

land Public Library, and Mrs. Evelyn Tintera, represent M.L.A. The objectives and plans of each organization were being reviewed this year.

The joint advisory committee for the *Student Librarian Assistants' Association of Michigan* which plans for a state meeting and advises regional activities included Elsie Schley, 1958-61, Mrs. Norene Drefts, 1958-60, Mrs. Grace Vandenberg, 1959-60, Mrs. Charlotte Timm, 1960-62, and Edith Siegrist, 1960-63.

Plans for the joint conference of this section and the Michigan Association of School Librarians on April 21, 22, at the University of Michigan are well under way. Joseph Krumgold, recipient of the 1959 Newbery Award for "Onion John", Elizabeth Burr, President of the A.L.A. Children's Services Division, Hannah Hunt, President of the A.L.A. Young Adult Services Division and Elizabeth Williams, President of the American Association of School Librarians have accepted an invitation to take part on the program.

A directory of Michigan Authors and Illustrators who are willing to speak at library-sponsored functions has been edited by Mrs. Virginia Albright to round out the work of her committee. Fifty names are listed with information about age group and size of audience preferred, fee, and special interests of each person. This will be duplicated and made available to libraries of the state.

School librarians gave five-minute talks highlighting the brochure Standards for School Library Programs published by the American Association of School Librarians at several of the district meetings in order to alert all librarians to support action for improvement of school libraries in their communities.

The five-year evaluation and planning committee has held one session and recommends round table discussion regarding the role of M.L.A. in school and children's library development at the annual conference.

The auction sale of drawings made by Dirk Gringhuis at the section luncheon at the 1959 Annual Conference brought over fifty dollars for the A.L.A. Fred-eric Melcher Scholarship Fund.

The American Association of School Librarians includes a State Assembly which fosters communication on programs with the state associations. The chairman represented the section at the midwinter and Montreal meetings this year.

Sarita Davis, *Chairman*

TECHNICAL SERVICES

On May 11 the Section held a business meeting and participated in the Tri-Sectional luncheon meeting held jointly with the Reference and College Sections in Welles Hall at Kalamazoo College.

At the business meeting, Miss Hazel DeMeyer, chairman-elect of the Section presented to the group a proposal from the Northern Ohio Technical Services Librarians that a joint meeting of the two groups be held in the spring of 1961. The proposal was received enthusiastically and Miss DeMeyer was empowered to develop suitable plans and arrangements. The new Nominating Committee was also announced as follows: Frances Hamman, University of Michigan University Library, Phoebe Lumaree, Western Michigan University Library and Clarence Weaver, Grand Rapids Public Library, Chairman.

At the luncheon meeting, Mrs. Mary E. Kahler, Chief of the Serial Record Division of the Library of Congress, spoke on *New Serial Titles* and the *Union List of Serials*. She discussed the problems of compilation, editing and publishing *New Serial Titles*, and then outlined its relationship to the third edition of the *Union List of Serials* which is now in preparation. After the luncheon and program, tours of the libraries of Western Michigan University, the Upjohn Company and the city of Kalamazoo were well attended.

The Section will hold both a luncheon and a business meeting on Friday, October 21 during the Fall conference of the Michigan Library Association in Lansing. The general program topic will be "Divided Catalogs" with Mr. Andre Nitecki, Flint College Library of the University of Michigan as the principal speaker.

Margaret W. Ayrault, *Chairman*

OCTOBER ROADS LEAD TO LANSING

TRUSTEE

The officers of the section, with the help and advice of the M.L.A. representative (Ex-Sec., Evelyn Tintera) and the State Library consultant (Muriel Fuller) started the year with an extra meeting of the executive board of the trustees immediately following the final general session at the Flint conference.

The main theme of this session was ways and means to allow and promote greater participation for trustees in District and State conferences. This theme has been carried through all meetings and conferences throughout the several months, and many ideas have been acted upon.

The State Plan for Michigan Libraries has accentuated trustee participation, because it is apparent that the trustees are better able to get the message of the plan to the public, i.e.; voters.

Better orientation of trustees, especially district chairmen, has been speeded by a "Kit" sent to each, acquainting him with his duties and how best to put them in action.

Addressograph plates of all trustees have been made available — with the help of the State Library. This will save much time and no little cost to the task of keeping every trustee informed of current interests to him.

District meetings and various sized area meetings have shown a gratifying increase in participation and enthusiasm by trustees. The first attempt to hold a state-wide meeting of trustees got off to a poor start because of insufficient and tardy publicity, but the lack of numbers failed to dim the enthusiasm and all present were anxious to know when there would be another.

A new "Handbook for Trustees" for Michigan is in the preparatory stage and will probably follow the form of a "universal" handbook by A.L.A., so far as the general text is concerned.

The trustees' State Library consultant, Muriel Fuller, attended the seminar at Columbia University, June 14-15, which covered the problems of, — and we hope, answers — to librarian-trustee relationships.

Your chairman, and librarian wife, were in Montreal for the two-day trustee workshop preceding the C.L.A.-A.L.A. joint conference, attended the first joint general session on Sunday and the A.A.L.T. membership business meeting Monday the 20th.

This conference, by the way, showed the greatest participation BY TRUSTEES ever recorded.

A questionnaire was sent to each trustee with instructions to return same, filled out as seen fit, to the M.L.A. Executive-Secretary. Percentage-wise, the returns were rather disappointing. This was so, because of the great deal of thought and work put into the preparing and mailing. However, the sum of the answers are very revealing and thought-provoking and will be discussed at length at the first opportunity.

All phases of the year's program have brought to us very emphatically that those with some knowledge of the work and possibilities of trustees in bettering libraries for everyone are eager to learn more about the "How" of it. This calls for better planning to allow and promote greater participation by trustees in ALL library meetings and conferences.

With all the above in mind, we are pleased to call your attention to the M.L.A. Conference program elsewhere in this *Librarian*, and to especially note that besides a whole day of Trustee sponsored programs on Friday the 21st, there will be a Saturday workshop consisting of three (3) hours of "Circles of Information for Trustees".

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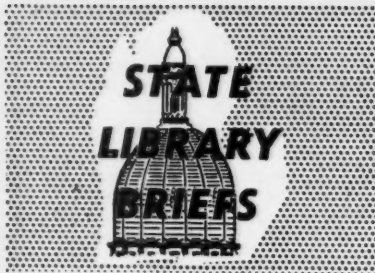
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Sherwood is new chairman . . . Harvey Sherwood, an instructor at Central high school in Kalamazoo, is chairman of the Michigan State Board for Libraries for 1960-61. He succeeds Arthur Yabroff, business manager of the Detroit public library who continues as a Board member. Mr. Sherwood has served on the State Board for Libraries since 1957. He resides at 2121 Kenwood avenue in Kalamazoo.

Vice-chairman of the Board for 1960-61 is Stephen Andreadis, Lansing restaurateur, who lives at 1707 West Ottawa street in Lansing.

New Board Member . . . Mrs. Mary Daume, librarian of the Monroe county library, has been named to the State Board for libraries for a term ending June 24, 1965. Mrs. Daume succeeds Mrs. George R. Navarre, also of Monroe, who served as chairman in 1958-59. **Successful candidates . . .** Four \$2,000 graduate scholarships in Library Science have been awarded by the State Board for Libraries through funds provided by the Federal Library Services Act. Recipients of the scholarships are Mrs. Ruth Van Der Molen, Mason county library in Scottville; Jeanette Roberts, Lenawee county library in Adrian; William K. Smith, Jackson county library; and Mrs. Muriel Long of the Traverse City public library.

The scholarship program set up by the State Board for Libraries is designed to stimulate interest in rural public library work. All recipients of the scholarships agreed to work at least two years in Michigan rural public library service following completion of their training.

Making the selections was a committee representing Ferris Institute, Michigan Council for Better Libraries, Michigan Library Association, the State

Library, University of Michigan Department of Library Science and Western Michigan University Department of Librarianship.

Candidates were judged primarily on scholarship, professional potential and experience.

Summer Workshops . . . Some 100 librarians from throughout Michigan attended two summer library workshops of the State Library held July 10-14 at Ferris Institute in Big Rapids and July 24-29 at the Michigan Education Association camp at St. Mary's lake near Battle Creek. Instructors at the workshops included Mabel Grannis of the State Library; Elizabeth Lennane, Monroe County Library; Harold Harlan, director of the Grace A. Dow Memorial library in Midland; John Frantz, director of the Kellogg public library in Green Bay, Wisconsin; Mark Crum, director of the Kalamazoo public library; Mrs. Jule Fossbender of the Tecumseh public library and Virginia Summers, of the Lansing public library. **U.P. Branch Moved . . .** The Upper Peninsula Branch of the State Library in Escanaba is now located in new quarters at 413 Ludington street, one block from the State Office building in Escanaba's developing government plaza. The move in August from the Barr school building gives the Branch 7,000 square feet of floor space to stack 25,000 books and provide greater work area. Sam Molod heads the Branch which was opened in 1956 to serve Upper Peninsula libraries and areas with no library service.

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COUNCILOR REPORTS

Ethel Yabroff

**A.L.A. Council Meeting
Montreal, June 19-24, 1960**

The most important business to come before the A.L.A. Council meeting in Montreal concerned the finances of A.L.A. in general and the financing of the building of the new headquarters in particular. The new building will cost approximately \$1,000,000. The money to build the building will be taken from endowment funds and the Council has recommended to the Executive Board that these funds be replaced. By taking funds from the endowment funds the annual income of A.L.A. will be reduced by \$39,000 a year. A.L.A. is seeking pledges from all members of A.L.A. equal to about \$50.00 apiece. They suggest that you pledge an amount equal to your dues for the next three years. This money will all be returned to the endowment funds to replace the money borrowed for the new building.

During Council The H. W. Wilson Company contributed a check for \$25,000, the Texas Library Association pledged \$1,000, Pennsylvania Library Association pledged \$759, the Massachusetts Library Association, \$300 and The Michigan Library Association \$100 with the promise to consider additional pledges in the future. A total of \$33,000 was either collected or pledged at the Conference. Pledge cards will be available at the M.L.A. Convention in Lansing and will be mailed along with A.L.A. dues notices in January.

In addition to the drop in income due to the new building it is estimated that salary increases for staff, the establishment of a pension plan and the operation and maintenance of the new building will necessitate an annual increase in the income of A.L.A. As a result a recommendation will be made by the Constitution and By Laws committee at Council meeting next February calling for an increase in A.L.A. dues. If a raise is approved it would not become effective until 1962.

The Library Education Department of Wayne State University received one of the Grolier Americana Scholarships and Grand Rapids was awarded a John Cotton Dana Award by the H. W. Wil-

son Company for the best library publicity in cities of comparable size.

The Committee on Organization and the Committee on Council Membership made reports that were accepted by Council and the Committee on Constitution and By Laws was instructed to bring in recommendations to implement the reports.

Henceforth the tallies of votes cast for officers in A.L.A. will not be published. Arthur Yabroff, Business Director of the Detroit Public Library and a member of the State Board for Libraries, was elected as treasurer of A.L.A. for a four year term.

The Newsletter published by the Committee on Intellectual Freedom which had been discontinued at Council meeting last February has been reactivated since a method was found to edit and publish it without A.L.A. subsidization.

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John Creecy, Detroit Times book review editor, is chairman and J. William Everson, manager of market research for Dow Chemical in Midland, is vice-chairman.

Sponsored by the Michigan State Board for Libraries, the Council's chief goals are:

- To broaden general citizen understanding of library services and needs.
- To sponsor and participate in programs which will improve and expand library service in Michigan.
- To work, at the community level, for support of libraries.

- To assist in formulating and developing programs which will improve library services to meet the needs of an expanding state.

- To counsel with the State Library and the Michigan Library Association on methods and procedures of accomplishing such programs.

The Council has been active in many projects during 1960. Mr. Creecy served as state chairman for the 1960 observance of National Library Week, April 3-9 and fourteen council members were active on the state committee for the observance.

A rural public library scholarship program was initiated by the State Board for Libraries this year. Four graduate scholarships of \$2000 each were awarded. Dr. Frank Fitt of Ann Arbor represented the Michigan Council on the selection committee.

Thirty-five members of the council met in Kalamazoo August 4 and heard a panel presentation of the proposed state-wide plan for public libraries. Moderator of the panel was Helen Warner, librarian of the Willard public library in Battle Creek. Other members were Mrs. Madalyn Bradford, director of the Van Buren County Library in Decatur, Hazel De Meyer, Western Michigan University Library and Mark Crum, director of the Kalamazoo public library. Louise Rees, of the State Library, gave a progress report on the plan. Council members were asked to judge the plan by what it aims to accomplish rather than in terms of present standards and laws. These would have to be revised as needed to fit the plan. The members were also asked to judge the plan by its concepts rather than on specific details. Panel members explained that the plan should be considered according to the improvements and increase of services and economy rather than cost.

A principal interest of the council is the development of more Friends of the Library groups in the state. There are now 55 organizations, 51 of which are public library and four college groups. A Friends of the Library group is a time-tested method of promoting library-community relationships for the best interest of each. All groups have been invited to send representatives to the Michigan Council for Better Libraries. The council voted to support the establishment of a Friends Section of the Michigan Library Association. It is believed that coordination of efforts with MLA can achieve a concerted stimulus toward the founding of new Friends groups and renew interest in any inactive organizations.

The council will produce a brochure describing ways to organize Friends groups, including information on activities of Michigan Friends. The council welcomes your ideas and offers assistance to any prospective group wanting to establish a local "Friends" group and suggestions for developing effective programs. If your community is "Friendless" or you have suggestions for promoting "Friends" groups in Michigan, contact Mrs. Marion Ingram, Executive Secretary, Michigan Council for Better Libraries, State Library, 125 East Shiawassee Street, Lansing.



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Individual State Library Associations.

Many leaflets are also available from library schools, State libraries, and professional library associations. Single copies are usually free on request, and quantity orders can normally be placed for a nominal fee. Career fiction can be located by means of the H. W. Wilson Company's *Fiction Catalog* and the *Standard Catalog for High School Libraries*.

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WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY: department of library, college of education received a \$1,000 Grolier Society Scholarship for the professional education of school librarians.

MARTIN COHEN: Community Group Counselor, Kalamazoo Public Library since 1949 has resigned to teach in the Department of Basic Studies, Western Michigan University and to serve as the Western Michigan Area Coordinator for the mid-west program for Airborne Television Instruction.

MURIEL FULLER: State Library Consultant was chosen president-elect of the Adult Education Association of Michigan.

RUTH RUTZEN: Detroit Public Library wins further honors by being named Detroit's Soroptimist Woman of the Year. Miss Rutzen was presented an inscribed silver tray for her 38 years of distinguished service in library work, the past 36 of them at the Detroit Public Library.

PROMOTED: at Detroit Public Library, Miss Marie Szkudlarek to first assistant librarian at Conely Branch Library; Miss Louise Keller to head of the Redford Branch; Evan Thompson to head of Bowen Branch; Kenneth Nielsen to first assistant at Lincoln Branch.

RETIRED: Miss Clara Shinover, formerly head of Redford Branch, Detroit Public Library after 34 years of service.

MRS. WINNIFRED MOFFATT CROSSELY: State Library Consultant is our own movie star. She is featured in the University of Michigan's new film "To Tell A Story" as the experienced story teller.

FROM "A REPORT TO YOU": Dow Memorial Library, Midland house organ. . . "It was not noses we counted, like the census . . . but a check of shelf list cards revealed that the 20,000 volume book collection on three year loan here from the Michigan State Library reveals that it represents 2,128 titles that are not

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in our own collection. The book loan to see us "over the hump" in establishing library service by contract to Midland County, is due back at the State Library on July 1, 1961."

HAVE YOU SEEN: the Sept. 1 issue *Library Journal*? Featured is Michigan's Statewide Library Plan.

IF THE SHOE FITS: from Oregon State Library "Letters to Libraries", July 1959. "... the beginning of progress for libraries is the willingness to do an honest job of self-evaluation and to face existing limitation. Then a discussion can be made as to which is more important—to do a lonely job inadequately or to join with others to do it well. . . . Each time officials of a small public library fail to reach out to joint action with

other libraries, readers in the locality suffer. . . ."

NECROLOGY: Miss Agnes Lally, Librarian of the Monnier Branch, Detroit Public Library, she had been with DPL for 22 years. Miss Florence Stasheff, Assistant, Art, Music and Drama Department, Flint Public Library at the age of 49. Miss Elizabeth C. Parker, Branch Librarian, Flint Public Library at the age of 58. She had been with FPL for 34 years. Miss Norma Hammond, Albion College Librarian for more than 10 years at the age of 52. All were members of MLA and ALA and active in the work of both associations.

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GOALS FOR ACTION

A report from the M.L.A. Chapter of A.L.A. on what it has done to implement A.L.A. goals for action

**ETHEL YABROFF
A.L.A. Councillor**

GOAL 1. The State of Michigan has had a school library consultant as a part of the consultant staff of the State Library for a number of years.

In order to further implement this goal a committee composed of school librarians, who are members of M.L.A., M.A.S.L. and the Catholic Library Association has been organized under the chairmanship of the State Librarian. It will be concerned with school library standards, problems of accreditation, penal fines, school library legislation, the training and recruiting of school librarians and long range planning for school libraries in Michigan.

The Department of Library Education of Wayne State University has been accredited by the NCATE as an undergraduate program in library science specializing in school librarianship. This coming year the department hopes to apply to A.L.A. for the accrediting of a graduate program that will eventually lead to a PHD in school librarianship.

An \$80,000 contract has been signed by Wayne University with the U. S. Office of Education for a study to be carried on by the University's Montith College to make college students more familiar with libraries and to encourage independent study.

GOAL 2. A committee of librarians, after working for 18 months recommended to the State Board for Libraries a plan for establishing systems of libraries in Michigan. With minor changes the Board accepted the report and it is now being discussed at all of the spring district meetings of the M.L.A. It is hoped that the plan will be acceptable to the library profession of Michigan and that adequate legislation will be prepared for introduction into the legislature in 1961 to make possible the implementation of the program.

The MLA adopted as a slogan for this year *Michigan Libraries Need New Books*. In addition to the slogan

M.L.A. urged the State Board to request \$1,395,000 for a State Grant in Aid to public libraries. Needless to say the legislature did not appropriate this amount although members of the executive board of M.L.A. appeared along with the members of the State Board for Libraries at the hearing held before the appropriations committee of the senate.

Stimulation projects and additional book collections have been used extensively in Michigan as a result of the Federal funds received under the Library Services Act to promote better library service in the rural areas of the state.

GOAL 3. A union list of serials held by all of the libraries, public and private, in the Flint, Saginaw, Bay City, Midland area has been made and is in the process of being published.

Wayne University in Detroit and the Detroit Public Library have for sometime maintained a cooperative buying policy. Representatives of the two institutions meet every two months to determine who will buy certain expensive sets, etc. They do not duplicate the purchase of certain magazines which are expensive and highly specialized.

The library of the University of Michigan has extended all of its facilities to the faculties of all state supported institutions of higher education.

The Macomb County Library is developing its reference collection with a view to becoming a regional reference center. Librarians in the area are being trained through in service training to use the reference tools.

GOAL 4. Intensified recruitment has resulted from the use of the film on the library profession made by World Book Company.

49 Friends of Libraries groups are functioning in Michigan.

Four rural public library scholarships worth \$500.00 each for the training of LIBRARY AIDS at Ferris Institute, and four graduate scholarships in library sci-

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ence worth \$2,000 each are to be awarded by Michigan State Board for Libraries.

The Michigan Council for Better Libraries, which was organized about two years ago, has grown in effectiveness and this year played an active part in the NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK program.

Salary scales continue to rise in Michigan for professional librarians as well as for non-professional library aides and clerks. Specific figures as to that growth not available at this time.

The Detroit Public Library in cooperation with the University of Michigan several years ago began a program, of professional library training for a selected group of library students that is known as a pre-professional course. The students were carefully selected from among a group of applicants who had B.A. degrees. The University of Michigan has offered library science courses in Detroit each year for these students. The offering has been scheduled so that eventually the pre-professionals are able to complete the training for a library degree from the University of Michigan. In the meantime they have worked approximately 36 hours a week in the Detroit Public Library or at libraries in the suburbs at professional jobs on a low level. These pre-professionals are paid less than professionals on the same staff. The program has been very successful and has helped the libraries to cope with the problem of personnel shortages.

The trustee section of M.L.A. has recently circulated a questionnaire to all trustees in the state in an effort to interest them in participating in the affairs of the Trustee Section of M.L.A.

The M.L.A. Trustee section was represented at the A.L.A. convention in Washington last June by the chairman of the Trustees Section.

GOAL 5. The Department of Librarianship at Western Michigan University was accredited as a graduate library school.

GOAL 6. Workshops and institutes were offered for pre-professional, and high school student assistants at Western Michigan University and by the

State Library during the summer of 1959 and again in 1960.

A processing center was established in west central Michigan on a demonstration basis. The participating libraries are working together cooperatively in order to improve the processing techniques, the cataloging and to secure better discounts by group buying. This was a project made possible by federal funds.

A conference was held at the Detroit Public Library between the Directors staff and the staff of the graduate library school at the University of Michigan on the subjects selected for Drs. thesis. Suggestions for areas requiring study resulted from the conference.

Our proposed State Plan for Public Libraries mentioned previously envisages much change in the area of increased improvement in library operations and procedures.

GOAL 7. Fortunately we have had no occasion to act on goal number 7. Libraries are encouraged to have a book selection policy in writing so that they may refer to it if a question arises as to the desirability of purchasing a specific title. By having a written policy librarians and library boards are not likely to be taken unaware so that they panic and drop titles which sober consideration might have retained on the shelves.

The Michigan Library Association maintains an Intellectual Freedom committee which is prepared to give some assistance to any library that may have a censorship problem. The chairman of the committee has testified before the state legislature on bills designed to censor books.

GOAL 8. The libraries in Michigan vigorously support and participate in the observance of National Library Week.

The Michigan Council for Better Libraries was formed several years ago. It has taken an active part in National Library Week, is planning on co-sponsoring a reading workshop along with Michigan State University in the near future.

A very active and effective public relations department has been established at the State Library with the aid of federal funds from the Library Service act.

Trustee's Corner

NEWS
and
VIEWS

(Remarks made by Mrs. Weldon Lynch, President, ALTA, June 19, Montreal ALA Convention)*

And so we come almost to the end of the 1960 Trustee Workshop. It is always good, after an experience of this kind, to look back and see where we have been and to know, with greater certainty, where we are going.

What has been done here? We have met for our first International Workshop. We have stated our objectives to be to acquaint ourselves with the world's rapidly accelerating changes and to discover within the framework of these changes what the implications are for the library. We have looked at our responsibilities in the light of the new trends, agreeing on some, finding points of arguments on others. We extended our physical horizons with the splendid view our speakers offered us of Canadian Library development. We have examined in depth one of our major responsibilities—that of being alert and informed public relations persons.

However if this is all we have done, then this 1960 Trustee Workshop will have been a resounding FAILURE. You, the trustee will determine the success or failure of it in your attitudes toward your library, toward libraries, and toward your job as a trustee, you will determine the true measure of the Workshop's success. The most important thing which will come out of this Workshop will be how you have reacted.

Have you experienced the warm feeling of fellowship which comes from gathering with others so like yourself in their interests and in their concern? Have you gained new insights into the world where we now move—did it occur to you that there might be new problems now undreamed of and new areas of service still unplotted?

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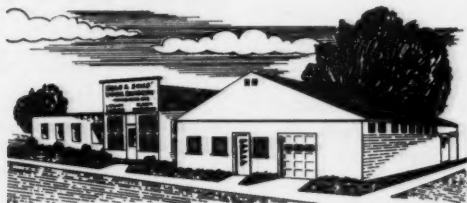
*Kenneth Blass, Trustee Section chairman attended the ALA Trustee Workshop and brought back these remarks of Mrs. Lynch.

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Speaking of Policies

For the first time in United States history Libraries have been incorporated into the platforms of the two major political party platforms. The Democratic platform pledged to "further federal support of libraries."

The Republican platform declared: "Support of library services to extend it to all our people."

Frankfort Gets Gift of Library

A gift of a completely equipped library has been made to the city of Frankfort by Mr. and Mrs. Ward Seabury of Oak Park, Illinois, summer residents of the city for the last 40 years. Construction of the 30 x 50 foot brick and block library began early in September, and it is hoped that occupancy will be by spring.

"Michigan Bibliographies and Indexes"

This attractive and informative pamphlet for use in the observance of Michigan Week and particularly in the location of information for the celebration of Heritage Day was compiled by Penelope L. Bullock, Acting Head, Reference Department, University Library, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. Copies may be obtained from the Division of Field Services, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, at 50¢ per copy.

West Bloomfield Township Library

Ground was broken in June for the new West Bloomfield Township Public Library, Keego Harbor. The library will provide space for a 50,000 book collection, housing of the rental record collection, periodical collection, and a community room to serve as a focal point for the cultural life of the community. The building will cost around \$100,000. The voters of the Township voted to provide one mill for each of three years to build the library and

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Michigan Librarians Serving ALA

In the ALA Library Administration division, Dr. Katharine M. Stokes, Librarian, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo is serving on the executive committee of the Buildings and Equipment Section; Arthur Yabroff, business director, Detroit Public Library is chairman-elect of the Financial Administration Section and is also ALA Treasurer; Harriet Irene Carter, chief of extension services, Flint Public Library is chairman-elect of the Government Relations Section.

Mrs. Loleta D. Fyan, State Librarian is president of the American Association of State Libraries.

Genevieve Casey, Detroit Public Library is president-elect of the Association of Hospital and Institution Libraries.

In the Association of College and

Research Libraries, Rare Books Section, Mrs. Frances J. Brewer, Detroit Public Library is chairman-elect.

The Teachers Section, Library Education Division, Alice L. LeFevre, head of the Department of Library Science, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo is chairman-elect.

Catholic Library Association — Michigan Unit

The Michigan Unit of the Catholic Library Association is planning to hold its semi-annual meeting at Regina High School, 20200 Kelly Road, Harper Woods, on Sunday, October 16, at one o'clock. The Very Reverend Monsignor Vincent J. Horkan, Superintendent of Parochial Schools of the Detroit Archdiocese, has been chosen as the key speaker for the occasion. Msgr. Horkan's discussion will highlight the new *Standards for School Library Programs*, recently issued by the American Library Association.

Group meetings of the various sections will follow the general assembly. Librarians, educators, parents, and all interested persons are cordially invited to participate in the library meeting.

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was increased to 27 on August 2 when the voters in Dickinson County passed a library referendum providing one mill annually for the operation of the Dickinson County Library for a period of five years.

Iron Mountain Carnegie Library will become the headquarters for the county library. Service for the county will be provided through Iron Mountain Carnegie Library, Norway Public Library and bookmobile service. The population of the county is 23,677 of which 11,225 will be receiving public library service for the first time.

An intensive informational program was carried on from May 15 to August 2 as an activity under the Library Services Act. In response to a request from the Dickinson County Library Committee for project funds to promote a county library, the State Board for Libraries gave them a grant of \$4,000 to pay the salaries of a bookmobile driver, a secretary and for publicity materials and supplies. The State Library Exhibit Bookmobile was loaned to them and Muriel Fuller served as project director.

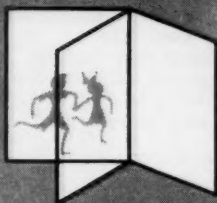
During the period of the project a very active citizens' committee and members of the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Women's Club cooperated with the project staff in contacting individuals and organizations and explaining the proposed county library service. Excellent coverage by the Iron Mountain News and WMIQ, the local radio station, continually informed the citizens of the proposed program.

Producing two TV shows, exhibiting the bookmobile in the Fourth of July parade, mailing of a fact sheet to all homes in the county, and exhibiting the bookmobile in all communities and at all schools completed the informational program.

Although the county-wide service will not begin until January, when county taxes will be available, the Iron Mountain School Board immediately issued a statement making the services of the Carnegie Library free to all residents of the county.

The Dickinson County Library Board has begun planning for the new county-wide service and the first task facing them is securing the services of a library director and a bookmobile librarian.

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- 10:00 a.m.—8:30 p.m. **Registration**
- 12:15 p.m.—2:00 p.m. **County and Regional Section Luncheon — Parlor AB**
 Speaker: Dr. Samuel D. Marble, Pres., Delta Community College. "Facing Change, a challenge to education."
- 1:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. **Exhibits Open Lounge**
- 2:30 p.m.—3:45 p.m. **First GENERAL SESSION (sponsored by College Section) — Small Auditorium**
 Speaker: Eric Moon, Editor, Library Journal, "A Contradiction in Terms; a comparison of American and British libraries."



MR. ERIC MOON'S voice is not new to American librarians. His presence among us dates back only to the Fall of 1959 however, when he migrated from Newfoundland where he had been an officer of the Public Libraries Board to New York to become Editor of the Library Journal. Prior to that he had a distinguished career in public library service in England. He has recently said he hopes to make LJ somewhat less reverend and hushed than most other professional library periodicals. His talk will compare some aspects of British and American library service.

- 4:00 p.m.—5:15 p.m. **College Section — Business Meeting — Parlor AB**
 Adult Education Section — Business Meeting (followed by film screening — open to all) — Parlor CD
 County and Regional Section — Business Meeting — Parlor E

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8:30 p.m.—10:00 p.m. Second GENERAL SESSION (sponsored by Adult Education Section) — Small Auditorium

Speaker: Harvey S. Sherwood, Chairman, State Board for Libraries. "Report From the State Board."

Speaker: Dr. Lester Asheim, Dean, Graduate Library School, University of Chicago. "The State Plan and Adult Education."



OF LESTER ASHEIM many laudatory things might be said, none of which would be new to most librarians. We are happy to welcome the distinguished Dean of the Graduate Library School, University of Chicago. We are sure that his comments on state-wide planning in relation to the needs of adult education will be a significant addition to the discussions of this Conference.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1960

8:30 a.m.—7:00 p.m. Registration

8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Recruiting Committee Breakfast — Parlor A
Staff Organizations Meeting — Parlor B

9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. **Exhibits Open** Lounge

10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. Third GENERAL SESSION — Small Auditorium

Speaker: Wesley Maurer, Chairman, Dept. of Journalism, the University of Michigan. "The Library as a Teaching Force."

WESLEY H. MAURER brings the viewpoint of the journalist to his talk on "The Library as a Teaching Force." Mr. Maurer, now chairman, Department of Journalism, University of Michigan, has never lived a cloistered life. From his experience as a working newspaperman, as author, and as one who has taken a leading role in the problems of communication, he will draw material to illustrate his theme.

12:15 p.m.—1:30 p.m. University of Michigan Alumni Luncheon — Parlor EF
University of Wisconsin Alumni Luncheon — Parlor A
Western Michigan University Alumni Luncheon — Parlor D
State Board Past and Present Members Luncheon — Parlor B

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- 2:00 p.m.—3:15 p.m. Fourth GENERAL SESSION — Small Auditorium
 Speaker: Dr. Charles F. Gosnell, State Librarian, New York State Library. "Good Library Service for all; A public necessity and a public responsibility."



DR. CHARLES GOSNELL comes to talk about the necessity to provide good library service for all the people. He has a wide experience to draw upon. Since 1945 Dr. Gosnell has been State Librarian of New York State where great strides in state-wide library service have been made in recent years. He also draws upon his experience in other libraries and his membership on key policy-making groups for many years.

- 4:00 p.m.—5:15 p.m. Intellectual Freedom Committee — Business Meeting — Parlor D
 MLA Executive Board, old and new members; Section and Committee Chairmen — Parlor B
- 7:00 p.m. CONFERENCE BANQUET—Small Auditorium
 Invocation: Rev. Wm. S. Hill, Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lansing
 Presiding: Dr. Frederick H. Wagan
 Introduction of Speaker: Charles L. Higgins, State Library, Chairman, Conference Committee
 Speaker: Marvin J. Eisenberg, Acting Chairman, Dept. of the History of Art, University of Michigan. "The 'Seventh Age' of the Artist."



MARVIN J. EISENBERG, Acting Chairman, Department of the History of Art, University of Michigan, has just returned from a year in Europe as a Guggenheim Fellow doing research on a Florentine painter. His talk "The 'Seventh Age' of the Artist" is one which will be remembered with pleasure.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1960

- 8:00 a.m.—8:30 p.m. Registration
 8:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m. Exhibitors Breakfast — Parlor A
 Michigan ALA Membership Committee — Business Meeting — Parlor E
- 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. **Exhibits Open** Lounge
- 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. Fifth GENERAL SESSION (sponsored by Reference Section) — Small Auditorium
 Panel Discussion: "Service Areas — key to a co-operative and efficient state-wide library program."
 Moderator: Dr. Richard E. Chapin, Director, Michigan State University Library
 Panel Members: Donald W. Kohlstedt, Director, Grand Rapids Public Library; Frank M. Landers, Director, Budget Division, State of Michigan; Jean Worth, Editor, Escanaba Daily Press

- 12:15 p.m.—2:00 p.m. School and Children's Section Luncheon — Parlor AB
 Speaker: Gene Bluestein, Communications Skills Department, Michigan State University: "Samples of American Folksongs." Sung by Mr. Bluestein who will accompany himself on various instruments including the 5-string banjo and the wooden flute
- Trustees Section Luncheon — Parlor CD
 Speaker: Jean Worth, Editor, Escanaba Daily Press. "As the Trustee Sees the State Plan."
- Technical Services Section Luncheon — Parlor EF
 Speaker: André Nitecki, Flint College Library, Univ. of Michigan. "The Divided Catalog vs. the Dictionary Catalog: A comparison of costs."
- 2:30 p.m.—3:45 p.m. Sixth GENERAL SESSION (sponsored by Trustee Section) — Small Auditorium
 Business Meeting of MLA
 President's Report
 Committee Reports
 Speaker: Loleta D. Fyan, State Librarian. "ALA Membership."
 Speaker: John G. Lorenz, Director, Library Services Branch, U.S. Office of Education. "State-wide Library Planning."



JOHN G. LORENZ is Director of the Library Services Branch, U. S. Office of Education. Mr. Lorenz is widely known here as the former Assistant State Librarian, State Library, where he served between 1946-1956. Prior to that term he served in the Queens Borough, the Schenectady and the Grand Rapids public libraries. In his talk on "State-wide Library Planning" Mr. Lorenz will be discussing a pressing problem in this State.

- 4:00 p.m.—5:15 p.m. Reference Section — Business Meeting — Small Auditorium I
 Legislative Committee—Business Meeting — Parlor A
 Hospital Section — Small Auditorium II
 Speaker: Dr. Frederic J. O'Hara, Associate Professor, W.M.U. Library School
- Technical Services Section — Business Meeting — Small Auditorium III
 Trustees Section — Business Meeting — Parlor B
 "The Community Tells Tales" (sponsored by School and Children's Section) — Small Auditorium
 Chairman: Mrs. Laura S. Pardee, Chief, Children's and Young People's Services Section, Flint Public Library.
 Tellers: Mrs. Annie Lancaster, Senior Citizen; Mrs. Ruby Slappey, Flint Public Library, Community Story Hours; Miss Susan Wood, High School Student; Mr. William Eddy, High School Student; Mrs. Geraldine Coleman, First Grade Teacher
- 8:30 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1960

- 8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. Registration
 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon School and Children's Section — Parlor AB
 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
 9:00 a.m. Business Meeting
 10:00 a.m. Discussion Tables (Open to all)

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9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon Trustees Workshop: Discussion tables — Parlor CD
 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. Circles of Information — Small Auditorium

A series of round tables to be sponsored by sections and committees of MLA. Each table to be devoted to discussion of a specific problem or question

12:15 p.m.—2:00 p.m. CONFERENCE LUNCHEON (sponsored by School and Children's Section) — Small Auditorium

Presiding: Robert W. Armstrong, President-Elect
 Introduction of Speaker: Miss Sarita Davis, Chairman, School and Children's Section

Speaker: William E. Scheele, Director, Cleveland Museum of Natural History. "The Stuffed Circus: trends in community educational methods, book publishing, and museum presentation techniques."

WILLIAM E. SCHEELER, Director of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History since 1949, is a native of Cleveland, and a graduate of Western Reserve and the Cleveland Art Institute. He is a noted author of children's books and is an outstanding nature artist. His talk will contrast current educational methods, trends in book publishing, and changes in museum presentation techniques.

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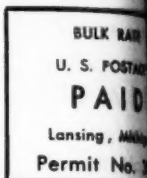
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